

**LEE 001**

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Dear Ms. Houston,

This letter is in reference to the health problems that I am experiencing. When EPA was here for a public meeting in Riverside Gardens in the fall I expressed my health concerns about the environment to them. Their reply was "We do not consider you people to have health problems related to your environment because you do not have any problems documented". As I had come to realize that my symptoms were, I believed related to either the landfill or the chemical plants near our homes - or both - I sit about to have my own problems documented. This has turned out to be literally impossible from the medical standpoint as the doctor needs to know what chemicals I am breathing at the time. There are others with the same problems.

My physician, Charles Smith, has asked the occupational medicine men here in Louisville to see me but they have declined since it is not as they say work comp related. I am at a standstill right now for medicine to help me.

I have talked to the local authorities about my health problems and the health board has called my doctor and assured him the EPA was working on the problems in our neighborhood. I feel that some of our problems are related to Borden's Chemical next door to us and if that is the case I understand the EPA is only addressing problems related to the landfill. I seem to get conflicting views on this. Please correct me if I am in error.

I have lived here since 1938 and have only within the last year realized when for instance the neighboring plants have even a small spill all my symptoms intensify for sometimes a week and at least three days. If it would be helpful to you for me to send a typical set of health problems I experience I will be glad to do so.

What I am saying is that it would seem that no one wants to see us document that we do have health problems since no one has explained how we could accomplish this ourselves.

In your recent letter you state that you will be testing again when a significant rainy period has occurred. We have had considerable rain in the last two weeks. I was wondering how much is needed and do you think it may be fall before this is possible again.

Sincerely yours,

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